

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status

Claim 38 is proposed to be canceled. No claim has been proposed to be added by this amendment. Claims 2-23, 25, 26, 28-37, and 39-48 are currently pending.

Claim History

The Examiner rejected claims 2-17, 20-23 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Jin in view of Proakis. The Examiner rejected claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Jin in view of Proakis and in further view of Williams. The cancellation of claims 38 by the proposed amendment would serve to render these particular grounds of rejection moot.

More Clearly Defined

The claims in this application have been revised to voluntarily further clarify Applicant's unique invention. Applicant maintains that the claims as filed were patentable over the art of record. However, to expedite issuance of this application, reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and for the following reasons is respectfully requested.

Claims Allowed

The indication by the Examiner in the recent Office Action that claims 25-26, 28-37 and 39-48 were allowable over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation.

Amendment After Final

The amendments made herein are deemed necessary to properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and are intended to reduce the issues and present claims which are felt to clearly define the instant invention over the prior art. Care has been exercised to insure that no new matter has been introduced, nor have any new issues been raised. It is felt that no inordinate amount of time will be required on the part of the Examiner to review and consider this amendment.

Issues On Appeal

In the event that an appeal is filed, it is requested that this amendment be entered for purposes of appeal.

No further consideration or new matter

It is felt that no inordinate amount of time will be required on the part of the Examiner to review and consider this amendment. The proposed amendment does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search and is a bona fide effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the proposed amendment be entered and that this application be favorably considered by the Examiner and passed to issue as expeditiously as possible.

However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Robert N. Blackmon, Applicants' Attorney at 703-684-5633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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